

SCIENCE-SCIENCE

xy

AC TORNUS DISSE

COUNTRY: THAILAND/USSR

REPORT NO. CS-5/3/89

SUBJECT: COPIES BY ALEXEY ADZHUBEEV
TO THAI AND SOVIET BLOC
OFFICIALS

DATE DISTR. 15 JANUARY 1964

NO. PAGES

1

REFERENCES

4.11.26

DATE OF
INFO. 24 NOVEMBER 1963

PLACE & THAILAND, BANGKOK

DATE ACQ. (LATE DECEMBER 1963 - EARLY JANUARY 1964) FIELD REPORT NO. FEB 7675

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION. SOURCE GRADINGS ARE DEFINITIVE. APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS DEFENSIVE

SOURCE: P.R.I. 1 - A EUROPEAN BUSINESSMAN (B) WHO HAS OCCASIONAL CLOSE CONTACT WITH SOVIET BLOC TRADE AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

APPRAISAL OF CONTENT: ADZUBEY PROBABLY MADE THE CONVERSATION AS REQUESTED.

DURING A RECEPTION AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY, ALEKSEY ADZHUBEY STATED HIS GOVERNMENT'S ERROR IN OVEREMPHASIZING INDUSTRY AT THE EXPENSE OF AGRICULTURE. HE URGED THE SOVIET DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY TO INCREASE ITS CONTACT WITH THE THAI PEOPLE IN ORDER TO IMPROVE REPORTING ON LOCAL CONDITIONS. ADZHUBEY FELT THE THAIS SHOULD KNOW THE SOVIETS BETTER TOO. ADZHUBEY SAID SEATO, CENTO AND NATO ARE USELESS, THAT THERE IS TROUBLE IN THAILAND AS WELL AS LAOS, AND THAT THAILAND SHOULD LEAVE THE CHINA PROBLEM TO THE USSR. LATER COMMENTS BY ADZHUBEY TO PRIME MINISTER THANOM AND FOREIGN MINISTER THANAT ON POOR PRESS COVERAGE OF SOVIET EVENTS ARE MENTIONED.

AT THE RECEPTION GIVEN IN HIS HONOR AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY, BANGKOK, ON NOVEMBER 1963, ALEKSEY ADZHUBEY, IZVESTIYA EDITOR AND KHRUSHCHEV'S SON-IN-LAW, DELIVERED A SPEECH TO SOVIET BLOC REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAD PLANNED TO STAY AFTER THE RECEPTION. ADZHUBEY EXPRESSED DEEP PERSONAL AND NATIONAL REGRET AT THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND EULOGIZED HIS EFFORTS TO REDUCE WORLD TENSION. CONCERNING THE SOVIET UNION, ADZHUBEY SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ERRED IN PLACING TOO GREAT AN EMPHASIS ON INDUSTRY AT THE EXPENSE OF THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR AND WITH TOO LITTLE THOUGHT OR EFFORT FOR THE AGRICULTURAL NEEDS OF THE POPULATION. THIS LED TO THE SHORTAGE OF WHEAT IN PARTICULAR AND FOOD IN GENERAL. ADZHUBEY EMPHASIZED THAT MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET BLOC HAD THE OPPORTUNITY IN THAILAND TO MAKE GREATER EFFORTS TO CONDUCT A DIALOGUE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THAILAND AND ITS PEOPLE. THIS WOULD LEAD TO BETTER AND MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORTING ON LOCAL CONDITIONS. AT ONE POINT, HE STATED, THAT SOME CONTACTS MAY NOT AGREE WITH THE POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY - THERE ARE MANY OTHER AREAS ON WHICH CONTACTS CAN AGREE. THE SOVIETS SHOULD LEARN MORE ABOUT THAILAND, BUT IT IS ALSO FOR THE THAI TO KNOW THE SOVIETS BETTER.

RETURN TO CIA
Background Use Only
Do Not Reproduce

22045

PUB